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USEEC ALSO FOR EMBASSY  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: ENRG MNUC TECH BR NL  
SUBJECT: INCREASED SPECULATION SURROUNDING GON POSITION ON  
URENCO

REF (A) BRASILIA 4647, (B) THE HAGUE 542

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: RECENT DUTCH PRESS REPORTS INDICATE  
A GROWING EXPECTATION THAT THE CABINET WILL SOON ANNOUNCE A  
PRELIMINARY DECISION IN FAVOR OF DELIVERY OF ENRICHED  
URANIUM BY URENCO TO BRAZIL. FOR EXAMPLE, THE USUALLY  
KNOWLEDGEABLE "NRC HANDELSBLAD" REPORTED JUNE 12 THAT FOREIGN  
MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW INFORMED HIS FRG AND UK COLLEAGUES  
THAT GON AGREES WITH THEIR PROPOSAL GIVEN TO HIM IN MAY.  
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THEIR PROPOSAL CALLS FOR URENCO TO  
ISSUE A STATEMENT WHICH INTERPRETS ARTICLE II OF THE URENCO  
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AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL TO REQUIRE THAT REPROCESSING OF THE EXPENDED  
FUEL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BEGIN BEFORE IAEA SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN  
INSTITUTED. URENCO WAS TO INFORM BRAZIL OF THIS INTERPRETATION  
JUNE 12. "TROWW," ANOTHER NEWSPAPER WITH GOOD SOURCES ON THIS  
ISSUE, REPORTED JUNE 15 THAT BRAZILIAN ASSENT TO THIS INTERPRE-  
TATION HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. THUS, ACCORDING TO "TROWW,"  
THE CABINET MUST WAIT BEFORE ANNOUNCING ITS PROVISIONAL DECISION

TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PLANNED SHIPMENT OF LEU TO BRAZIL IN 1981.  
THE ARICLE NOTED THAT PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT FOR THE CABINET ON  
THE ISSUES IS DOUBTFUL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: AS REPORTED IN REF B AND SUBSEQUENT  
MESSAGES, THE GON CONTINUES TO BE CONFRONTED WITH A PARLIAMENTARY  
MOTION REQUIRING IT TO NEGOTIATE STRONGER SAFEGUARDS INTO THE  
URENCO CONTRACT PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF ANY ENRICHED URANIUM TO  
BRAZIL AND TO SEEK PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF THOSE ARRANGEMENTS.  
HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (CDA) PARLIAMENTARY  
FACTION SPOKESMAN VAN TEYLINGEN, THE PROPOSED REINTERPRETATION  
OF ARTICLE II WOULD NOT GAIN MAJORITY BACKING IN PARLIAMENT  
NOW FOR A FIRM CABINET DECISION IN FAVOR OF URANIUM DELIVERY.  
VAN TEYLINGEN TOLD EMBOFF THAT UK-FRG COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IS  
NOT SUFFICIENT TO CONVINCE HIGHLY PRINCIPLED CDA PARLIAMENTARIAN  
VAN HOUWELINGEN, SPONSERO OF THE TIMING MOTION. CDA FACTION  
LEADER AANTJES WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO OPPOSE VAN HOUWELINGEN'S  
POSITION, AND THE RESULT WOULD BE THAT AT LEAST EIGHT CDA  
VOTES WOULD GO AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. VAN TEYLINGEN  
MAINTAINED THAT NO COMPROMISE LOOKS POSSIBLE AT THE MOMENT.

3. THE CABINET'S ATTENTION IS DOMINATED AT THE PRESENT TIME BY  
THE BUDGET AND THE DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING UP ECONOMY MEASURES.  
PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THIS PREOCCUPATION, THE PROMISED GOVERN-  
MENT CONSULTATION WITH PARLIAMENT ON THE URENCO ISSUE HAS  
BEEN DELAYED. YET THE OPPOSITION DOES NOT WANT THIS SENSITIVE  
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ISSUE TO GO UNCONSIDERED BEFORE THE SUMMER PARLIAMENTARY RECESS,  
BEGINNING JUNE 30. SOCIALIST OPPOSITION LEADER DEN UYL HAS  
CALLED FOR A DEBATE ON URENCO AND URANIUM SUPPLIES TO BRAZIL.

4. PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT HAS EQUIVOCATED IN HIS RESPONSE TO  
DEN UYL'S CALL AND PROMISED THAT HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO SEND  
A LETTER TO THE SECOND CHAMBER DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS,  
OUTLINING THE STEOPS BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE  
BEEN TOLD IN CONFIDENCE BY A MEMBER OF VAN AGT'S STAFF THAT  
GON HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ASSENT FROM BRAZIL FOR THE PROPOSED  
INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE II. EVEN IF SUCH A COMPROMISE  
BECOMES POSSIBLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THE GOVERNMENT  
HAS CONSIDERABLE LOBBYING TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE IT CAN COUNT  
ON EVEN A SLIM MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT. IN ADDITION TO PARRYING THE  
EXPECTED THRUSTS OF DEN UYL'S OPPOSITION, THE GOVERNMENT MUST  
ALSO SEEK TO MEET THE VERY REAL CONCERNS OF THE CDA AND TO DO  
SO IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT RETAINS MAXIMUM SUPPORT IN PARLIAMENT  
FOR THE DIFFICULT DECISIONS EXPECTED ON ECONOMY MEASURES.  
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